



***KENT COUNTY
2001 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE***

Kent County is located on the Northern Eastern Shore. Kent County's land area of 178,843 acres contains 117,526 acres of cropland or 66 percent of the total. The topography is generally flat, although some short but steep slopes exist.

In 2001 Kent County had a population of 19,197 with many residing in the county seat of Chestertown. Chestertown and Kent County are noted for historical homes, especially the colonial era. The only battlefield in Kent County is Caulk's Field (War of 1812) a point of interest near McClean's Corner commemorated with a monument.

Kent County has very important and diverse agriculture with corn, soybeans, small grains and dairy being the leading commodities. Kent county ranks third in production of corn; fourth for wheat and fifth for soybeans.

KENT AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Crop	Year	Unit	Acreage Harvested	Average Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain	1999	Bu.	33,700	90.7	3,056,400
	2000		37,800	147.9	5,590,000
	2001		37,800	151.7	5,734,000
Corn for Silage	1999	Tons.	6,200	17.0	105,400
	2000		3,600	22.7	81,800
	2001				
Soybeans	1999	Bu.	36,100	32.1	1,157,400
	2000		34,400	44.0	1,513,000
	2001		42,300	41.0	1,734,000
Wheat	1999	Bu.	15,600	65.0	1,014,000
	2000		17,200	72.3	1,244,000
	2001		14,800	65.2	965,000
Hay	1999	Tons.	3,600	2.3	8,200
	2000		4,000	4.1	16,500
	2001				
Barley	1999	Bu.	3,000	92.0	276,000
	2000		3,200	94.3	301,900
	2001		3,100	74.1	229,700

Crop Production Rank among MD. Counties, 2001				Livestock Inventories Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 ¹	
Corn	3	Oats	³	Cattle	9
Wheat	4	Barley	6	Hogs	²
Hay	11	Soybeans	5	Sheep	9
				Milk Cows	6 ⁵

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<i>Farm Numbers & Size ¹</i>		1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms		361	318	314
Average Size (acres)		370	413	374
Land in Farms (acres)		133,597	131,283	117,526

<i>Livestock (Number on Farms) ¹</i>		1987	1992	1997
Cattle Inventory	Jan. 1	9,546	7,249	8,388
Hog Inventory	Dec. 1	²	8,599	²
Sheep Inventory	Jan. 1	651	736	769

<i>Average Number of Milk Cows</i>		1999	2000	2001
		4,100	4,500	

<i>Milk Production - 1,000 lbs.</i>		1999	2000	2001
		54,000	61,000	

<i>Value of Sales ¹</i>		1987	1992	1997
		<i>----- Thousand Dollars -----</i>		
All Products		43,528	54,479	60,957
Crops		20,200	34,229	34,020
Livestock, Poultry and Poultry Products		23,328	20,250	26,937

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.
² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
³ Unranked - Data not published.
⁴ Revised.
⁵ 2001.
* Acreage too small to publish .

MONTHLY WEATHER DATA - 2001

MONTH	AVERAGE TEMP. (F)	NORMAL 1961-1990	TOTAL RAINFALL (INCHES)	NORMAL 1961-1990
January	32.5	32.1	3.56	3.18
February	38.2	34.7	2.42	3.06
March	48.5	43.9	5.96	3.65
April	53.1	53.4	5.20	3.24
May	65.3	63.6	3.24	4.03
June	73.0	72.5	4.29	4.35
July	72.8	76.8	7.70	3.70
August	73.1	75.6	2.95	3.96
September	65.6	68.9	5.31	3.64
October	57.4	57.5	.31	3.14
November	44.0	47.4	1.93	3.39
December	29.3	37.0	3.32	3.77
Annual	54.4	55.3	46.19	43.11

Number frost free days for 2001	207
Normal frost free days 1961-1990	209
Highest temperature 06-11-00	95
Lowest temperature 01-28-00	5

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